13(Once-Amended). The non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme of claim 1, which has the following physicochemical properties:

- (1) Action
  - Forming a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit from a reducing partial starch hydrolysates having a degree of glucose polymerization of 3 or higher;
- (2) Molecular weight About  $75,000 \pm 10,000$  daltons on sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE);
- (3) Isoelectric point (pI)

  About  $4.5 \pm 0.5$  on isoelectrophoresis using ampholyte;
- (4) Optimum temperature
  About 50°C when incubated at pH 6.0 for 60 min;
- (5) Optimum pH

  About 6.0 when incubated at 50°C for 60 min;
- (6) Thermal stability

  Stable up to a temperature of about 55°C when incubated at pH 7.0 for 60 min; and
- (7) pH stability

  Stable at pHs of about 5.0 to about 10.0 when incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.

Please add new claims 52 and 53 as follows:



(New). A non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, which comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and which forms a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit from a reducing partial starch hydrolysate.--

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-54 (New). A non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, which comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and which forms a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit from a reducing partial starch hydrolysate.--